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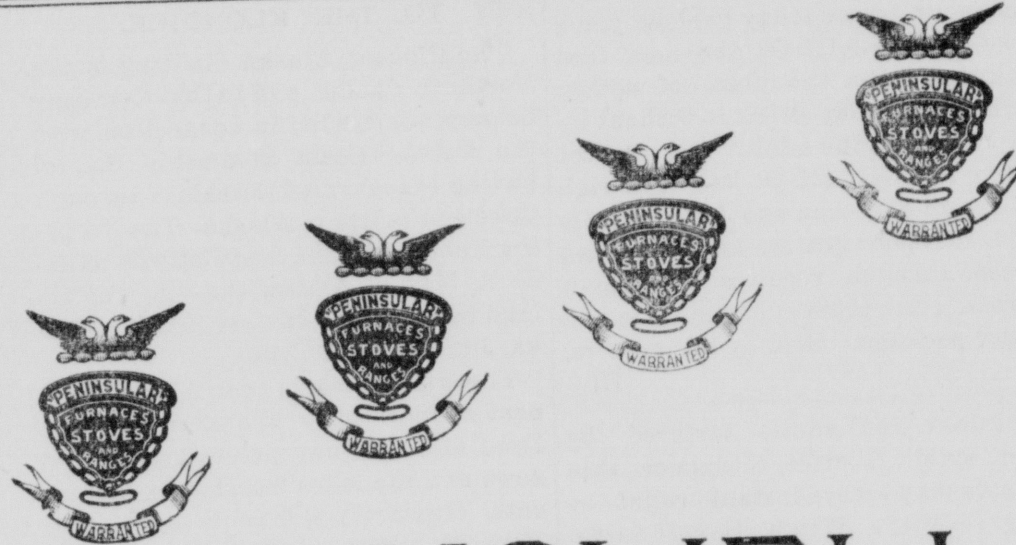
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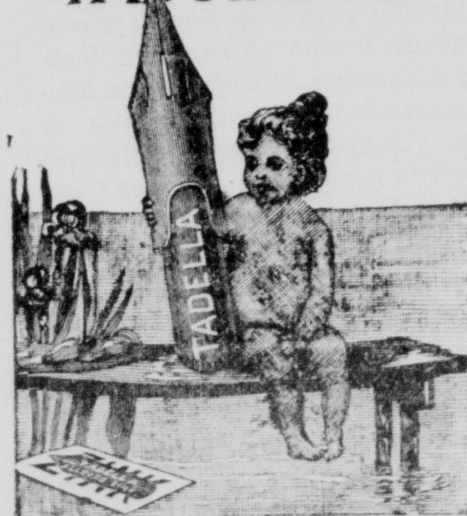
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—Harry Wheeler is ill.
—Bert Null is visiting in Chicago.
—Dixon Lodge, I. O. G. T., meets tonight.
—Benevolent Camp, M. W. A., meets tonight.
—Albert Riss of the Star Cafe is in Streator.
—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf are up from Harmon.
—Dorothy Chapter, No. 371, O. E. S., meets tonight.
—Mrs. B. F. Turck is out from Chicago on a visit.
—Miss Woodmansee returned to Streator today.
—W. J. Wingert is confined to his bed with a lame hip.
—Forest Home Lodge, No. 137, A. O. U. W., meets tonight.
—Mrs. George Aschenbrenner is visiting friends at Ashton.
—Miss Emma James has returned from a visit in Harmon.
—E. A. Bartholomew came home from Chicago last night.
—Lewis and Charles Pitzels of Mendota are here on business.
—Mrs. R. W. Thompson is visiting her sister at Prophetstown.
—C. F. Throop and William Appleford went east this morning.
—A Martha Washington Tea at the Lutheran church next Tuesday evening.
—Messrs. McGinnis, Flynn and Nichols of Sterling were up to the fair last night.
—Mrs. Alexander, who moved a few weeks ago from this city to Pullman, is quite ill.
—Mrs. Hyde went to Chicago this morning and will visit a day or so with relatives at La Grange.
—Telephone No. 137 on the Central Telephone line has been placed in the John Guthrie home in North Dixon.
—A Johnson yesterday lost a gold watch between the Third street arch and the shoe factory. See advertisement.
—An exchange thinks it is always a good thing to say your prayers before going to bed, especially if it is a folding bed.
—Attorneys C. B. Morrison and S. H. Bethea went to Chicago this morning. They were accompanied by Geo. F. Stainbrook.
—Albert Kaylor and bride arrived home last evening from a wedding tour east, having visited relatives and friends in Indiana.
—Young men at the fair last night from Rochelle were: J. Flynn and Steve Kennedy, the latter a brother of our citizen Wm. Kennedy.
—Ralph Johnson, one of our famous outfielders of the Kansas City, Columbus and Cleveland base ball teams, is now the advance agent for Walker Whiteside, the tragedian.
—The most wonderful astronomical photograph in the world is that which has been recently prepared by London, Berlin and Parisian astronomers. It shows at least 68,000,000 stars.
—The members of the executive committee of the W. R. C. are requested to meet at Salzman's Hall, Saturday at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing a chairman for said committee.
—The residence of Mrs. O. M. Patterson, Sterling, who with her daughter was visiting in Florida, was a few nights ago burglarized and ransacked; but it is not yet known whether anything of value was taken.
—Mrs. George Frazier, a venerable and respected lady of Sterling, died at her home Wednesday night after a brief illness, in her 68th year. She had been a resident of Whiteside county since 1849 and of Sterling since 1876.
—The Vincent Circle will meet this evening with Mrs. Walgren, 301 Galena avenue. It is Maclaren evening, and the time will be spent considering the literary productions of Ian Maclaren, especially "The Bonnie Briar Bush."
—Miss M. Lena Morrow, Ninth District President of the W. C. T. U., will address a mothers' meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Epworth League room of the Methodist church. All are invited to come and spend a pleasant, helpful hour.
—The fast Denver train on the C. & N. W. now leaves Denver at 4:30 each afternoon, one hour later than at first and reaches Omaha and Chicago at the same time as before, cutting one more hour off, reaching Chicago at 8:45 p. m., twenty-seven hours en route.

DIXON CLUB PARTY.

They Play Pedro and Dance.

Dixon Club members and their ladies to the number of seventy-five responded to invitations to a pedro party last night and in the amusement forgot the rain without. The ladies' head prize was won by Miss Lulu Hunt, who cut with Miss Florence Clark. The latter is a visitor from Toronto, Canada, with Mrs. Carl Page of North Dixon. The second ladies' prize went to Miss Frances Utley. The gentlemen's head prize was won by E. C. Parsons, and J. L. Hess and Carl Page cut for second, the former winning. Misses Hazel Noble and Emilie Murray were markers.

After the game was finished, Miss Anna Newland, a visitor at the J. R. Carpenter home from Indianapolis, and Miss Florence Noble played on the piano for those who wished to dance.

Those present from out of town were Miss Woodmansee of Streator, Miss Clark of Toronto and Miss McIntire of Mendota.

Death of Mrs. John Tague.

Mrs. John Tague, died at her home, corner of Ottawa avenue and Seventh street in this city, Thursday, February 17th, at five o'clock p. m., after a serious illness of one week, from asthma, aged 59 years.

Margaret Casey was born in County Clare, Ireland. She was married to John Tague in Ireland and came to this country with her husband and one child in 1865, her home having been in Dixon since that date. Out of a family of four boys and two girls born to them, only one daughter survives—Mrs. Patrick McTague of Milwaukee, who has been with her mother during her last illness. Mrs. Tague was a woman of kindly character, who possessed the highest esteem of her neighbors who sympathize sincerely with her bereaved husband and daughter in this affliction.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon, at the house at 2 and at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 2:30 o'clock. As Mrs. E. H. Cahill, who occupies a portion of the house, is quite ill, friends who desire to see the remains are requested to defer calling until Sunday between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Death of Miss Lahman.

Miss Grace Lahman, youngest daughter of the late Joseph C. Lahman, formerly of Franklin Grove, but recently of Denver, Colorado, died on Thursday, February 17th, in the hospital of the latter city. Miss Lahman was about 32 years of age, and had been in ill health for some years. Her death will be greatly regretted by a large circle of friends in the home of her youth, among whom are four brothers, Oliver, Roscoe, Fremont and Charles, and one sister, Mrs. Dr. Grim. The body of the deceased will be brought to Franklin Grove for burial and is expected to arrive on Sunday evening. When the arrival is definitely known, arrangements for the funeral will be announced.

Struck It Rich.

W. B. Page is highly elated over a letter received from General Manager Burgess of the gold mines at Saginaw, Arizona, in which he imparts the gratifying news that in a cross-cut at a fifty-foot level they struck a heavy vein of ore seventeen feet wide, with the limit not yet reached, which sampled 31 per cent lead, 25 to 150 oz. of silver and 1 to 2 oz. gold, showing values of from \$51 to \$140 per ton. Mr. Page also received a dispatch yesterday from Mr. Burgess stating that the smelter yesterday turned out 1,800 pounds of bullion of high quality, carrying lead, gold and silver. These indications are cheering to those of our citizens who have invested in the Saginaw.

Catholic Fair.

More than four score of people, ladies and gentlemen, spent yesterday afternoon at the opera house from 2 to 5 playing a game of progressive pedro. There were twenty-two tables used and two prizes offered. One was won by Eddie Hoban and the other by Miss Josie Ryan. All enjoyed the entertainment very much and it will be repeated next Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Wednesday afternoon club.

Chad Wins Again.

James Drew who beat Chad Wood-yatt in the pool game of Monday evening was worsted by the little fellow at Geo. Aschenbrenner's place last night to the tune of 125 to 88. Tonight Chad plays at the Nachusa House with Dan Knapp, Jr.

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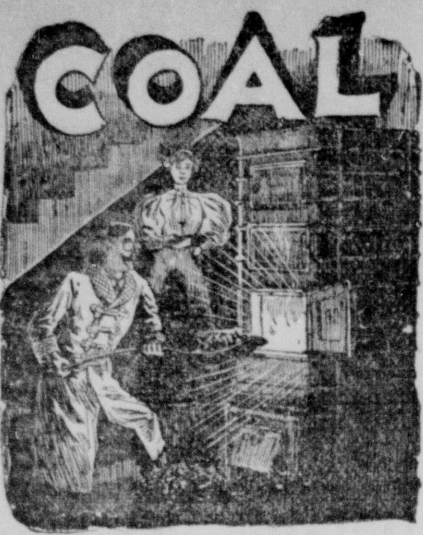
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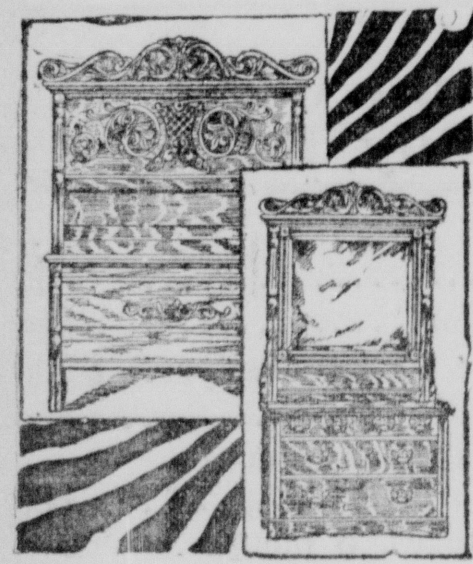


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TOTAL IN AN INSTANT

Was the Destruction That Wrought the Havoc and Death on the Maine.

STORY OF ONE OF THE SURVIVORS

Heard a Dull and Dreadful Roar, Saw a Volcano Break Forth, and It Was Done—Nothing to Do But Abandon Ship—Believes It an Accident—List of the More or Less Wounded—Washington Authorities Waiting Now for the Report of the Naval Court and Denying Sensational Lies.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 18.—Lieutenant John J. Blandin, of Baltimore, one of the Maine's survivors, who is at the Key West hotel, gave the correspondent of the Associated Press last evening a succinct account of the disaster, saying that not until now has he been able to recollect the sequence of events in the awful ten minutes following the explosion Tuesday evening. Lieutenant Blandin was on the Trenton at the time of the disaster off Samoa in March, 1889, when American and German vessels lost 244 men all told. Lieutenant Blandin says "I was on watch, and when the men had been piped below I looked down the main hatches and over the side of the ship. Everything was absolutely normal. I walked aft to the quarterdeck behind the rear turret, as is allowed after 8 o'clock in the evening, and sat down on the port side, where I remained for a few minutes.

Was This a Sort of Presentiment?
"Then, for some reason I cannot explain to myself now, I moved to the starboard side and sat down there. I was feeling a bit glum, and in fact was so quiet that Lieutenant Hood came up and asked laughingly if I was asleep. I said 'No, I am on watch.' Scarcely had I spoken when there came a dull, sullen roar. Would to God that I could blot out the sound and the scenes that followed. Then came a sharp explosion—some say numerous detonations. I remember only one. It seemed to me that the sound came from the port side forward. Then came a perfect rain of missiles of all descriptions, from huge pieces of cement to blocks of wood, steel railings, fragments of gratings, and all the debris that would be detachable in an explosion.

The Moment After the Explosion.
"I was struck on the head by a piece of cement and knocked down, but I was not hurt and got to my feet in a moment. Lieutenant Hood had run to the poop, and I supposed he was dazed by the shock and about to jump overboard. I hailed him, and he answered that he had run to the poop to help lower the boats. When I got there, though scarce a minute could have elapsed, I had to wade in water to my knees, and almost instantly the quarter-deck was awash. On the poop I found Captain Sigsbee, as cool as if at a ball, and soon all the officers except Jenkins and Merritt joined us. The poop was above water after the Maine settled to the bottom. Captain Sigsbee ordered the launch and gig lowered, and the officers and men who by this time had assembled got the boats out, and rescued a number in the water.

DESTRUCTION WAS SIMPLY TOTAL.
Nothing to Do Except Abandon Ship—Boats Arrive to the Rescue.

"Captain Sigsbee ordered Lieutenant Commander Wainwright forward to see the extent of the damage, and if anything could be done to rescue those forward or to extinguish the flames, which followed close upon the explosion and burned fiercely as long as there were any combustibles above water to feed them. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright on his return reported the total and awful character of the calamity, and Captain Sigsbee gave the last order 'Abandon ship' to men overwhelmed with grief indeed, but calm and apparently unexcited. Meantime four boats from the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII arrived, to be followed soon by two from the Ward Line steamer City of Washington. The two boats lowered from the City of Washington were found to be riddled with flying debris from the Maine and unfit for use. Captain Sigsbee was the last man to leave his vessel and left in his own gig.

"I have no theories as to the cause of the explosion. I cannot form any. An examination by divers may tell something to a court of inquiry. I, with others, had heard that the Havana harbor was full of torpedoes, but the officers whose duty it was to examine into that reported that they found no signs of any. Personally I do not believe the Spanish had anything to do with the disaster. Timemay tell. I hope so. We were in a delicate position on the Maine, so far as taking any precautions was concerned. We were friends in a friendly—or alleged friendly—port and could not fire upon or challenge the approach of any boat boarding us unless convinced that her intention was hostile.

"I wish to heaven I could forget it. I have been in two wrecks now and have had my share. But the reverberations of that sullen, yet resonant, roar, as if the bottom of the sea were groaning in torture, will haunt me for many a day, and the reflection of that pillar of flame comes to me even when I close my eyes."

RESCUED MEN AT KEY WEST.

Fifteen Severely Injured and Twenty-Six Slightly Hurt—Their Names.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The navy department received yesterday afternoon from Captain Forsythe at Key West the following detailed dispatch showing those survivors of the Maine who are now at Key West: "Captain Sigsbee reports that the following named officers and men were saved from the Maine and are at Key West: Severely injured—Peter Mikleson, Charles Galpin, Thomas Melville, Michael Lannahan, Peter Larsen, Martine Reden, Louis Moriniere, Alonzo Willis, John Turpin, Westmore Harris, Michael Meckel, Meehan, Edward McKay, Fresanoni Owa, Dan G. Toppin and Joseph Lutz—15.

Slightly injured—Frank G. Thompson, Chester Germond, John Herbert, Geo. Swartz, Alfred Johnson, William H. Thompson, Charles Bergman, Henry

McCann, Walter E. Richards, Arthur Ranor, Joseph H. Kane, William Devitt, John D. Load, Charles Lohman, William Gartrell, Oscar Anderson, Alfred Hallberg, John Panck, George David, Ambrose Ham, James Williams, Henry Williams, Harry Teackle, Thomas J. Durchan, William McNair, Michael Flynn—26.

Seriously hurt—Carl Christianson, fireman; Patrick J. Foley, apprentice; George Fox, landsman; Robert Hutchins, landsman; G. J. Dressler, apprentice—5. Of the men seriously hurt only one, Foley, is considered to be in any danger. The list has been compiled by Lieutenant Jungen and myself carefully and is, I think, correct.

"FORSYTHE."

THEY SLEEP IN FAIR CUBA.

Victims of the Maine Buried at Havana—Impressive Ceremonies.

Havana, Feb. 18.—The interment of the victims of the Maine disaster took place yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Shortly before that hour all Havana was in movement. The flags on the public buildings were at half-mast and many of the houses were draped in mourning. All classes were represented in the throngs that filled the streets along which the funeral procession passed to the cemetery.

The order of the procession was as follows: The Municipal Guards on horseback in full uniform; the city fire brigade; the municipal employees; the aldermen in seven splendidly decorated firemen's cars; special cars bearing the remains, nine bodies being carried on a splendidly decorated car; the clergy; deputations consisting of the chief officers of the army, navy and the volunteers; representatives of various official bureaus and of the custom house; a committee representing the chamber of commerce; a delegation representing the grocers; the council of administration; representatives of the treasury; the press and various political organizations.

Then came the chief officers of the Maine, the representatives of foreign governments, the city magistrates with their mace bearers, provincial deputies, employees of the general and regional automatic governments, the municipal mace bearers. Then General Parrado, with four aides-de-camp, representing Captain General Blanco (whose personal presence was not allowable under the law), having on his right United States Consul General Lee and on his left the mayor of Havana; the Marquis Larriaga, Admiral Monterola, General Salano and other officers; two companies of marines and infantry. The funeral music was furnished by the bands of the Isabella la Catolica and Porto Rico battalions, which accompanied the bodies.

General Blanco witnessed the passing of the funeral procession from the balcony of the palace. The entire ceremony was a most impressive demonstration of sympathy.

The population that lined the route gave every indication of the profoundest respect. Crowns were received from the captain of the port, the mayor of Havana and the officers of the port. These were in the Spanish national colors and were inscribed: "To the Victims of the Maine." Other funeral tokens were the offerings of La Discusion, Joseph Pulitzer, Senor Bellasario Martinez, Robert Merry and Senora Magdalena Delores Martinez.

UNCLE SAM IS NOW WAITING.

Court of Inquiry Appointed to Find Out How She Went Down.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The government has settled back into a waiting attitude in respect to the terrible marine disaster in Havana harbor. The great shock caused by the news has given way to a calmer and more judicial state of mind, and a realization from the events of the day that the court of inquiry is the sole dependence in the search for the cause of the Maine's loss. The naval officials are now resigned to await the results of that inquiry by a court named yesterday by the navy department. There was little new to add to the sum of information as to the disaster during the forenoon. No telegrams came, and all that could be gleaned was a denial of some absurd story or other that had crept into print or become current gossip. All the news of the day came in the late afternoon in the shape of Captain Sigsbee's report of the authorization of the funeral of his dead sailors and a story of the disaster from General Lee.

One absurd story was that the terrible tragedy had been caused by a torpedo, which had bored an 8-inch "percussion" hole in the bottom of the ship and done all the damage through that hole. What a "percussion hole" is nobody seemed to know how one of those terrible torpedoes could have exploded under the vessel and only made an 8-inch hole was not explained; neither was it explained how the Maine could have been sunk in a few minutes by the water that came in through such a hole when she had pumps that could have thrown it out faster than it came in. But it made great sensational news for big heads.

It is said at the department that the naval court of inquiry which is to investigate the disaster can scarcely assemble for the work at Havana before next Monday. The navy department authorizes a denial of the statement attributed to Captain Sigsbee that he recommended to the department before he sailed for Havana that no other ship should be sent to Havana because the harbor was too dangerous owing to the number of torpedoes planted in the bottom. As a matter of fact Captain Sigsbee had not the slightest hint given him that his ship was to be selected for the visit twelve hours before his departure.

The government has received many telegrams of sympathy and condolence over the Maine disaster, besides communications from the diplomats residing here. One from Sir Julian Pauncefote conveys the deep sympathy of her majesty Queen Victoria. A telegram from Berlin of a similar character is signed "William I. R." Then there was one from the Central America Greater Republic; one from the British admiralty; one from the Prince and Princess of Wales, and another from the Duke of Connaught. Turkey also sent sympathy, so did France and Russia. Captain General Blanco also sent a message, as did the Spanish cabinet.

Jacob Stage, one of the first settlers in northern Indiana, dropped dead at Ligonier.

DE LOME DISAVOWED.

Spanish Ministry Sends on Its Long Expected Deliverance About That Letter.

DISCLAIMS THE SENOR'S VIEWS.

No Sympathy with What He Said About the President—Repudiates the Imputation That Spain Is Not in Earnest as to Reciprocity and Autonomy—Cannot See How Such a Thing Could Be Said in Face of the Facts.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Spain has officially disclaimed in a positive manner the reflections contained in the De Lome letter, and as officially announced by the state department the incident is satisfactorily closed. The statement given out is as follows:

"The following is an abstract of a notesent Wednesday by the Spanish government to Minister Woodford at Madrid: The Spanish government on learning of the incident in which Minister Dupuy de Lome was concerned, and being advised of his objectionable communication, with entire sincerity laments the incident which was the cause of the interview with the minister; states that Minister De Lome had presented his resignation and it had been accepted before the presentation of the matter by Minister Woodford.

Spain Does Not Share De Lome's Views.

"That the Spanish ministry in accepting the resignation of a functionary whose services they have been utilizing and valuing up to that time leaves it perfectly well established that they do not share and rather, on the contrary, disavow the criticisms tending to offend or censure the chief of a friendly state, although such criticisms had been written within the field of friendship, and had reached publicity by artful and criminal means. That this meaning had taken shape in a resolution by the council of ministers before General Woodford presented the matter, and at a time when the Spanish government had only vague telegraphic reports concerning the sentiments alluded to. That the Spanish nation, with equal and greater reason, affirms its view and decision after reading the words contained in the letter reflecting upon the president of the United States.

Claim of Spanish Sincerity.

"As to the paragraph concerning the desirability of negotiation of commercial relations, if even for effect, and the importance of using a representative for the purpose stated in Senor Dupuy de Lome's letter, the government expresses concern that in the light of its conduct long after the writing of the letter, and in view of the unanswerable testimony of simultaneous and subsequent facts, any doubt should exist that the Spanish government has given proof of its real desire and of its innermost convictions with respect to the commercial system and the projected treaty of commerce.

"That the Spanish government does not now consider it necessary to lay stress upon or to demonstrate anew the truth and sincerity of its purpose and the unstained good faith of its intentions. That publicly and solemnly the government of Spain contracted before the mother country and its colonies a responsibility for the political and tariff changes which it has inaugurated in both Antilles, the natural ends of which, in domestic and international spheres, it pursues with firmness, which will ever inspire its conduct."

SENATE AND HOUSE DEBATES.

Steer Clear of Much Reference to the Maine or to Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The senate and house continue to give the Cuban matter a rest, and very little is said in either chamber on that subject just now. After a debate occupying more than two hours the senate yesterday, by a vote of 34 to 29, agreed to the resolution of Turpie, declaring the senate's opposition to the confirmation of the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad. After the disposition of the resolution the Corbett case was discussed by Pettus of Alabama and Hoar, an agreement having first been reached to take a final vote upon the case on Monday, Feb. 28.

The only reference made to the disaster to the battleship Maine was in the form of an inquiry resolution introduced by Allen of Nebraska, as follows: "That the committee on naval affairs be directed to make an immediate and thorough investigation into the cause of the disaster to the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana on the 15th inst. and report to the senate." It went over.

The debate on the bankruptcy bill dragged along listlessly in the house, interest in it being overshadowed as on Wednesday by the Maine disaster. The speeches on the floor attracted almost no attention and were delivered in most instances to a handful of members. In the course of the debate Maddox, of Georgia took occasion to reply to a speech made by Landis (Rep.) of Indiana last week before the Middlesex club of Boston. He denounced Landis' references to the south and her people as slanders, and said that a man who would indulge in such misrepresentation at a public dinner was unworthy of a place on the floor of the house.

Bryan Will Be Chief Speaker.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Thomas Jefferson's birthday anniversary will be celebrated on April 13 by the National Association of Democratic clubs, with a subscription dinner in this city, which in nearly every respect will be a repetition of the famous dinner here in 1897. As was the case last year, Mr. Bryan will be the principal speaker this year.

Silverthorn Has the Field.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 18.—Governor Scofield has received a letter from S. S. Miller announcing his withdrawal from the race for the judgeship of the Sixteenth circuit. This leaves the field practically open for W. C. Silverthorn.

Wisconsin Merchant Is Missing.

Plainfield, Wis., Feb. 18.—H. Papert, a well-known general merchant here, is missing. He went to Chicago last week, saying he was to purchase his spring stock. His stock of goods has been seized under a chattel mortgage.

The Coming Woman

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A VETERAN'S VIEWS.

Some Opinions and Advice from a Competent Authority

Like every city and town in our republic, Dixon furnishes its share of veterans who, fought for Old Glory during the late unpleasantness and who, despite their valor when facing a foe on the field, found themselves waging war on a concealed enemy ever since, and perfectly powerless and unable to dislodge it from its position. How to dislodge it is clearly given in the statement that follows, made by Squire M. H. Hart, whose office, we need scarcely remind our readers, is just opposite the depot. Our citizens have now the unavoidable question to answer, whose opinion can I depend upon the more, a representative resident of Dixon, or some newspaper statement made by some one living hundreds of miles away who says remedy so-and-so cured him? Read this and then quietly and coolly answer the question mentally.

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The Pioneer Alaska Railway is the Northern Pacific, and to that Company belongs the credit, in connection with the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., of having inaugurated the sale of through tickets to points in Alaska. The Northern Pacific was the first Railway to issue a Map of Alaska showing the inland passage from Puget Sound to Sitka, Juneau and Chilkat.

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Early in November we shall issue an illustrated folder replete with Alaska and Klondike information up-to-date. Send CHAS. S. FEE, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn., two cents in postage and he will forward you this map. 281tf

A NEW LAKE...

... A NEW TROUT
Rear Admiral Bearlee of the Pacific Coast Squadron, U. S. N. about a year ago brought to the attention of tourists and anglers a beautiful lake in Northwestern Washington, that contains new varieties of monstrous trout.

President Jordan of Stanford University, California, an authority on fishes pronounced them entirely new to science. They are large, weighing from 10 to 13 pounds and ranging from 10 to 13 inches in length. They are caught by trolling, at a distance of 30 feet or more below the lake's surface and are the gamiest sort of trout, full of fight. Already, anglers have gone from the far east to Lake Crescent to enjoy the rare sport/found there.

A long chapter on this beautiful lake and its finny inhabitants, located in the heart of the Olympic Mountains, is found in the Northern Pacific Tourist Book, wonderland '97. Send six cents for it to Chas. S. Fee, Gen. Passenger Agent St. Paul Minn. 250tf

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MISS FRANCES WILLARD DEAD.
Passes Away in the Hotel Empire at New York at Midnight.
New York, Feb. 18.—Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, died shortly after midnight this morning, at



MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD, the Hotel Empire, this city. At the bedside of Miss Willard at the time of her death were her niece, Mrs. W. W. Baldwin; Mrs. L. M. M. Stevens, and others.

"LEXOW" REPORT ADOPTED.
Chicago Given a Bad Reputation by the State Senate—War Message Indorsed.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—Yesterday the feature of the general assembly was the senate's debate of the Berry "Lexow" committee report. Senators Berry and Mahoney discussed the matter at length and united in bitterly denouncing Mayor Harrison and Chief of Police Kipley. Of the two, Mahoney (Democrat) was the most savage. The report was adopted by a vote of 34 yeas to 8 nays. The negative votes were cast by the following Democrats: O'Brien and Curley; of Cook; McKinlay, Payne, McConnell, McAdam, Landrigan and Mounts. The senate unanimously adopted a joint resolution indorsing the action of the governor in issuing a Cuban message, and formally authorized him to "tender to the president of the United States all the moral and material support that may be necessary in this emergency to maintain the proper dignity of the republic and honor of the American flag."

The resolution was unanimously concurred in by the house. The governor received numerous congratulatory telegrams last night from people throughout the state, among others being a tender of the services of the Seventh regiment, I. N. G., by its colonel, Marcus Kavanaugh.

The metropolitan police bill was reported to the house and read a first time.

Tanner's message said that while he was not willing to believe that the Spaniards sank the Maine, still "in case of war," as it were, he asked the legislature to authorize him to tender to the government such support as may be necessary to "maintain the honor of the American flag, and to prevent or punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our common country."

Fatally Hurt in a Mine.
Republic, Mich., Feb. 18.—Richard Chard, a miner, was fatally injured while coming up in the skip from work in the Pascoe pit. It seems that the skip jumped the track and threw Chard and George Parr out, the latter falling fifty feet, but receiving only a few bruises. Chard only lived a few hours. He was 50 years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

Father of the Ringling Bros. Dead.
Baraboo, Wis., Feb. 18.—August Ringling, the father of the Ringling Brothers, of circus fame, died yesterday after an illness of several months, aged 71. His death occurred on the forty-sixth anniversary of his wedding.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS

Captain Anson has not been offered a place with the Detroit base ball team as manager.

At the Populist conference at Minneapolis the fusionists had the votes and controlled the action.

The state convention of the Epworth League is in session at Eau Claire, Wis., with 150 delegates present.

Mme. Bernhardt was successfully operated on at Paris, and expects to return to the stage again in six weeks.

W. H. Smyth has been appointed postmaster at Lloyd, Richland county, Wis., vice Jennie Anderson, removed.

Official notice of the appointment of Polo de Bernabe as De Lome's successor has been received by the state department.

Senator McMillan, of Michigan, has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a lighthouse tender on the upper lakes.

Charles Burton, aged 13, was attacked and badly lacerated by an infuriated boar at Baraboo, Wis. His condition is serious.

The 6-year-old daughter of Peter Circle, of Chippewa Falls, was badly burned by her clothes catching fire from a stove.

The British battleship Victorious, which on Feb. 14 went ashore outside the bar at Port Said, Egypt, is still aground.

The American Newspaper Publishers' association is holding its twelfth annual session at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York.

A tract of ice on the coast of the gulf of Finland broke adrift in a snow storm and was carried to sea with 200 fishermen and several horses.

Governor Tanner has granted a respite of sixty days to Chris Merry, the Chicago wife-murderer, who was to have been hanged today.

A body of women appeared before the suffrage committee of the Louisiana constitutional convention and urged that the franchise be extended in some shape to them.

Miss Kate F. O'Connor, one of the best-known women in Rockford, Ill., and for sixteen years deputy county clerk, has resigned to engage in the practice of law.

National W. C. T. U. headquarters yesterday issued to white ribboners all over the land a call for season's of special prayer for the recovery of Mrs. Willard and Lady Somerset.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS.
Gen. Pellieux Lets Out Some Further Facts as to the Case of Col. Dreyfus.

HITS THE ZOLA CONTENTION HARD.

Tells of Another Document That Confirms the Famous Bordereau Letter Which Sent the Accused Colonel to a Living Death—Zola's Counsel Demands the Papers—Military Men Who Disagree—Frenzied Scenes in Court, with Mob Work Outside.

Paris, Feb. 18.—During the Zola trial yesterday, Colonel Picquart, who was recalled with reference to a statement made by General Pellieux, declared that Major Esterhazy could easily have acquired the information contained in the Bordereau. The general had maintained that only an artilleryman could have known the facts referred to. General Gonse, who was also recalled, maintained the contrary. During the course of the proceedings General Pellieux intervened. He said: "If you insist upon the whole truth you shall have it." Continuing, the general declared that a long time after the condemnation of Dreyfus the minister for war acquired new proof, previously unknown, of his guilt. This proof, the general added, was in a note reading: "Never say you have had relations with this Jew." General Pellieux called General Boisdeffre as a witness of the above statement, but Boisdeffre was not present and the court adjourned.

Pellieux' Revelation Causes a Stir.
The revelation made by General Pellieux caused the greatest sensation among the military men, who expressed regret at the fact that the general should be "forced by attacks on the army to reveal matter which should be kept secret." When General Gonse took the stand he affirmed that technical details precluded the possibility of any one but an artillery officer having written the Bordereau. A warm discussion ensued between General Gonse and Colonel Picquart as to the date the Bordereau was seized. Colonel Picquart said it was in April and General Gonse contended it was in August. M. Laborie intervened and scored by pointing out that in the formal document in which the accusation was brought against Dreyfus the date is April, and he made his argument against the general. Colonel Picquart then announced that he was willing to make a statement without closed doors and the court took a short adjournment to consider the matter.

Pellieux Has Something More to Say.
When the session was resumed General Pellieux rose and in an unexpectedly loud voice said: "I ask to be allowed to speak." His manner caused excitement in court and it increased as the general, advancing steadily to the witness stand, said: "We have acted legally, but as the defense has not cited certain essential matters I will repeat, in the words of Colonel Henry: 'You ask for light. Then you shall have it.'"

Continuing, General Pellieux said: "At the time M. Casteln interpolated the government the ministers of war had received absolute proof of the guilt of Dreyfus. This proof which I have seen is in the form of a note in which are the words: 'Never say you have had relations with this Jew.'"

LABORIE DEMANDS THE DOCUMENT.

Developments Discussed in a Frenzied Manner by Those Present.

General Pellieux then proceeded: "This was not signed, and was accompanied by a visiting card on which was the same cipher word as on the document. General Boisdeffre can corroborate what I said." [Applause.]

"This is an absolutely new feature thrown into the case," said M. Laborie. "This document cannot be examined. The condemnation of Dreyfus was brought about by a secret document, and it now appears that a second document exists. Why should it not be discussed? The excitement in the country is increasing daily. It is our duty to insist upon the fullest light, and, whatever may be said, a revision of the trial has now become absolutely imperative." [Murmurs and applause.]

"Let this document be shown us," continued M. Zola's counsel, "and if Dreyfus is guilty we will admit the fact and we will all return to our avocations of peace of war which, mon generale, we need not fear with such officers as you." [Applause.] Let General Pellieux, therefore, explain himself unreservedly and let the document be brought."

"I absolutely approve of the words of General Pellieux," replied General Gonse, "but I do not think the documents in question can be brought here."

At this stage of the case General Pellieux interposed, saying: "Mention has been made of a secret document introduced at the court martial; but no proof has been adduced. I ask that General Boisdeffre be heard." A captain was then dispatched to fetch General Boisdeffre, and in the meanwhile the presiding judge called upon Major Esterhazy to testify, but M. Laborie intervened. He said: "Oh, no. Not until General Boisdeffre has been heard. The incident is too grave for the case to proceed until it is completely cleared up."

Major Esterhazy, who was about to enter the witness stand, his face deadly pale, thereupon withdrew. In the meantime the excitement in court was very great. The incident was discussed in a frenzied manner and the general opinion expressed was that the trial had taken a sensational and grave turn.

General Boisdeffre did not arrive and so the court was adjourned until today.

The close of the day's session left everybody in a greater state of anxiety and excitement than ever before. Various personages were hooted or cheered. M. Yves Guyot's carriage was nearly overturned on Pont Neuf. M. Zola got away unnoticed. Some time after the court adjourned, General De Boisdeffre arrived. It is rumored that his evidence will be given behind closed doors.

Will Demand Interference in Cuba.

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—A resolution will be offered in the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce today calling upon congress to take some action in regard to Cuba.

HORRIBLE CRIME IN GEORGIA.
Three Fiends Set Fire to a Farmer's Daughter and Fatally Burn Her.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 18.—A letter was received by Governor Atkinson from Sheriff Patterson, of Decatur county, giving the bare facts regarding the horrible efforts of three unknown negroes one day last week to burn to death the daughter of James Alday, a prominent citizen of a district remote from telegraphic facilities in Decatur county. From all accounts it appears the girl, who is about 16 years of age, had occasion to go to a spring about 200 yards from her father's house, and on returning through a dense thicket she was seized upon by three negroes whom she had never seen before, and when they discovered that she was the daughter of Alday two of them firmly held her while the third applied matches to the skirts of her clothing.

She was detained until the flames were licking her face and had eaten into her under garments and then released and ordered to fly for her life. She ran screaming to her father's door, where she arrived with not a shred of clothing on her body and literally one huge blister. Immediate attention was given her and every effort made to save her life, but the latest reports from the place indicate that her death was hourly expected.

MRS. HIERONYMUS TRIUMPHS.

Does Not Have to Pay the Money She Agreed to for Her Lover.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 18.—The jury in the case of Olga Greenwalt (Hieronymus), of Peoria, vs. Daykin Brothers, and Thomas and Medora Paige, of Cleveland, O., yesterday rendered a verdict which is a victory for the complainant. The jury found that the defendants in collusion unjustly obtained possession of the complainant's property. In order to obtain immunity for her former lover, J. H. Whitney, of Cleveland, from prosecution for alleged embezzlement Miss Greenwalt promised to pay Thomas Paige and others \$5,000, and assigned her interest in her father's estate, of which she was to obtain possession at the age of 25. When this age was reached the executor of the Greenwalt estate refused to transfer the property in accordance with assignment, which was followed by the litigation ended yesterday.

LEITER WINS A HALF MILLION

Said to Have Profited That Much in the Sale of Some Wheat.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The Times-Herald says that Joseph Leiter disposed of 5,000,000 bushels of May and July wheat in the pit Wednesday. The profit on this portion of his line is estimated at \$500,000. It is believed by conservative traders that the selling was a mastery move, as neither domestic nor foreign markets are keeping pace with the rapid advance at Chicago, and the natural result would have been to start all the wheat in the country to this market.

There was very little trading on the curb yesterday, showing that the shorts had been pretty well run in.

Gen. Gobin on the Maine Disaster.

Washington, Del., Feb. 18.—General J. P. S. Gobin, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, attended the encampment of the Delaware G. A. R. last night and in the course of an address touched upon the Maine disaster, said: "If there was ever a time when Grand Army men should stand together it is now, when the sword is half out of the scabbard. If it [the Maine disaster] was a crime, God help some one who will have to pay the penalty." General Gobin's words were greeted with tremendous applause.

Austria Would Taboo Our Fruit.

Vienna, Feb. 18.—In the lower house of the diet yesterday the Mayer group submitted an interpellation to the stadtholder asking if it was not intended to prohibit the importation of American fruit, in view of the danger from the San Jose louse.

Will Try To Be Milwaukee's Mayor.

Milwaukee, Feb. 18.—William Gendy, the chairman of the Republican county committee, has resigned. He has announced himself as a candidate for the nomination for mayor.

The Weather We May Expect.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday. For Indiana and Illinois—Fair weather, preceded by rain in southern portions; cooler this evening; southerly winds, becoming northwesterly. For Lower Michigan—Snow or rain, followed by clearing weather; cooler this evening; brisk southerly winds, becoming northwesterly. For Upper Michigan—Light snow, followed by fair, slightly colder weather; fresh to brisk southeasterly winds, becoming northwesterly. For Wisconsin—Generally fair, colder weather; fresh northwesterly winds. For Iowa—Fair weather; colder in southeastern portion; southerly winds.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Feb. 17. Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—May, opened \$1.06½, closed \$1.03½; July, opened \$1.04½, closed \$0.97½; September, opened \$1.04½, closed \$0.94½; Corn—May, opened \$0.71½, closed \$0.71½; July, opened \$0.71½, closed \$0.71½; September, opened \$0.71½, closed \$0.71½; Oats—May, opened \$0.44½, closed \$0.44½; July, opened \$0.44½, closed \$0.44½; September, opened \$0.44½, closed \$0.44½; Pork—May, opened \$24½, closed \$24½; July, opened \$24½, closed \$24½; September, opened \$24½, closed \$24½; Lard—May, opened \$5.27½, closed \$5.27½; July, opened \$5.27½, closed \$5.27½; September, opened \$5.27½, closed \$5.27½.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 19c per lb; extra dairy, 17c; fresh packing stock, 10½c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 14c per doz. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9½c; ducks, 6½c. Potatoes—Common to choice, \$2.00 to \$2.75 per bbl. Chicago Live Stock.

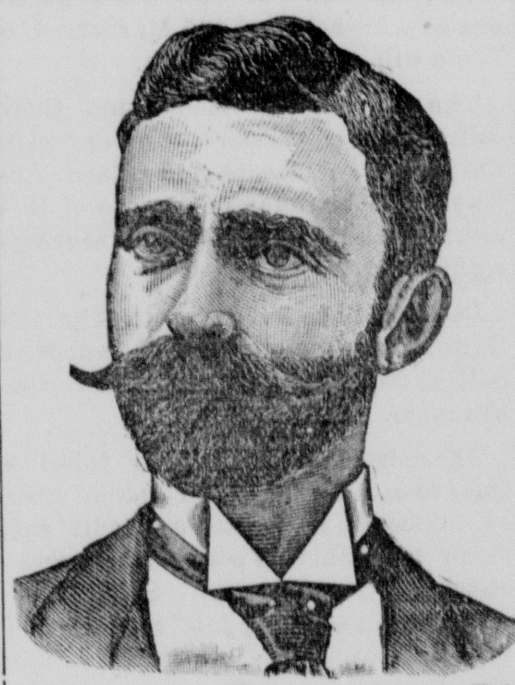
Chicago, Feb. 17. Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 40,000; sales ranged at \$3.40 to \$3.95 for pigs, \$3.80 to \$4.05 for light, \$3.85 to \$3.95 for rough packing, \$3.85 to \$4.07½ for mixed, and \$3.95 to \$4.10 for heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 13,000; quotations ranged at \$5.15 to \$5.50 choice to extra steers, \$4.65 to \$5.10 good to choice do., \$4.30 to \$4.80 fair to good, \$4.00 to \$4.45 common to medium do., \$3.90 to \$4.25 butchers' steers, \$3.30 to \$3.55 stockers, \$3.80 to \$4.55 feeders, \$2.15 to \$3.90 cows, \$2.60 to \$4.50 heifers, \$2.40 to \$4.25 bulls, oxen and stags, \$3.40 to \$4.40 Texas steers, and \$4.00 to \$7.00 veal calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 14,000; quotations ranged at \$2.50 to \$4.55 westerns, \$3.80 to \$4.65 natives, and \$4.40 to \$5.75 lambs.

Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, Feb. 17. Wheat—Steady; No. 1 northern, \$1.00; No. 2 spring, 95c; May, \$1.02½. Rye—Higher; No. 1, 51c to 52c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 41½c to 42c; sample, 34c to 40½c.

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Dixon, Ill., Thursday, February 24th,
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Our Point of View—In a Lighter Vein.

That Spanish war scare was as harmless as a French duel and Minister De Lome will soon be forgotten.

The newspapers should stop their talk connecting Susan B. Anthony with the pyramids, Cheops and Marc Antony. Her birthday in the ides of this month indicates her age but seventy-eight.

Besides that great battleship the United States has lost three hundred million dollars (estimated) by that Cuban muss.

There is an old saw that it takes a thief to catch a thief. President Diaz of Mexico once liberated a bandit and made him chief of police of the worst district in the country. Since then there have been very few robberies in that district.

There is one consolation about this proposed change in the tide of travel from Klondike to Cuba. The excursionists' outfits will be furnished by Uncle Sam and the trip will be warmer in the latter case.

Our legislature is about to adjourn. Thanks.

Too many "cups" in the matter of wine is generally not good, but there are exceptions to all rules. Believing that the common use of one cup in communion services is a menace to health, the Indiana state board of health recommends the use of individual cups.

A young man at Hillsboro, this state, desired to get out of a wedding engagement by pretending that he had forgotten all about it and failed to appear at the appointed hour; but the young lady brought it fresh to his mind by a breach of promise suit.

With that cheek of his Leutger will make an effort to turn the Joliet prison into a sausage factory.

The most satisfactory apology Spain can now make will be to withdraw the army from Cuba.

Spanish diplomacy seems to consist in treachery.

That railroad war is regarded by patrons in about the same light that the backwoodsman looked upon the fight between the bear and his wife.

The calamity howler will have a hard time of it at the next election. With the farm products advancing and the value of farm animals increased \$150,000,000 in the past year, what will the free silver orator do then, poor thing, "hide his head under his wing?"

Grover Cleveland, with a patriotic zeal worthy of a gentleman who has drawn a White House salary, is now cleaning up his gun and looking over his ammunition, ready to start south with the first opening of the duck season.

Where now is Blood-to-the-bridle-bits Waite? Are there no chief executioners but our own Governor Tanner, and that Populistic chief of Kansas to come to the rescue of our gallant tars?

"Blinky"—Yes, without doubt, if Bryan issues the order, free silver will be taught in the Sabbath schools of Missouri.

If Chauncey Depew retires from the New York Central he will probably make after-dinner speech-making a regular business. It will be an easy mode of paying board bills.

The ground hog is now several laps ahead of Foster, Hicks or Wiggins. Let's see; what has become of the Con nuck Wiggins?

That Governor Tanner should threaten to call out the Illinois militia on account of the blowing up of a battleship by accident (or otherwise) is incomprehensible to any one except, perhaps, the Governor.

The Spanish government regrets that its minister, De Lome wrote disrespectfully of our President and sends apology. We may presume that De Lome regrets he was such a chomp.

—Amboy Journal.—"Married, Wednesday evening, February 16, 1898, at the residence of John Derr in Lee Center, Mrs. Jennie Tennant Depue to Alvin Derr, the Rev. W. J. Warner of Amboy performing the ceremony. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Derr will reside at the Derr homestead."

On That He Will Be Mum.

When Mr. Bryan has a few minutes to spare from his labor in writing his lectures on Mexico, out of which he expects to reap a handsome profit, it might be well for him to explain how it is that the year 1897 has proven the best business year that the United States has seen in the memory of the present generation, in the face of the rejection of the free-coinage system, which he, in the last campaign, insisted was the only thing that could bring prosperity. Dun's Review, which is a generally accepted authority, shows that in failures 1897 was not only the best year since 1892, but on the whole the best ever definitely known. With 13,522 failures, in number 11.5 per cent less than 1896, and \$182,581,771 defaulted liabilities, 34 per cent less than in 1896, the year's banking failures amounted to \$28,249,700, and the commercial failures were but 13,351, with liabilities of \$154,332,071, the average per failure being only \$11,559, the lowest ever known except in 1862. But even in that year the failures during the last half averaged liabilities of \$10,447 per failure, while in the last half of 1897 the average was only \$9,593. The returns by the branches of business show that in 15 out of 28 classes the failures were lower than in any previous year of which there is a record, with especially large decrease in the great number of unclassified manufacturing and trading failures. Moreover, this year showed remarkable decrease, as some other prosperous years have shown increase, comparing the second with the first half.

Is the World Getting Better.

"The world is getting better," is an oft-repeated assertion, and perhaps it is. We are not prepared to either affirm or dispute the assertion. But with all the education and enlightenment abroad in this great land; with all the labor-saving inventions, with all the art and skill and ingenuity displayed in the modes and dress and habits of living; with all the refinement and elegance and speed of travel by land and water; with all the schools of art and science, and the wealth of literature at the command of all; with even one's thoughts photographed and wishes fulfilled—even while you wait—is the world growing happier? Is the spirit of friendship, the gospel of charity, the soul of benevolence, approaching the zenith that denotes the unalloyed happiness of the great moving, restless whirlpool of humanity? If so, then surely the world is growing better. Each can answer for himself from his own horizon of observation. Each individual's environments have much to do with his personal weal or woe; and active or passive influence upon his temperament—the great barometer of his life. We are glad to believe that nations are indeed rising to a higher plane of civilization in keeping with christian and humane teachings. That arbitration, and not gun powder, is solving disputed problems, and we hope that it has a peaceful influence that conduces to the individual happiness of all its citizens.

Dixon Man Robbed in Sterling.

The Sterling Gazette of Thursday evening says: "Dixon should keep its unsophisticated people at home. One J. W. Jennings, an old iron and junk dealer, brought a load of old iron here yesterday and sold it to August Miller, who paid him \$7.69 for it. He then proceeded to learn all the ins and outs of Sterling's metropolitanism and in his travels fell in with two parties who volunteered to guide him on his way homeward. All three got into Jennings' one horse wagon and soon instead of going eastward, the party were in the darkness at the head of Fifth avenue. There at 7:30 in the evening, Jennings was assaulted and shorn of his cash. He jumped and ran and the fellows tied his horse to a fence, where it remained until found this morning. Jennings applied to the police for assistance and was jailed until he got sober this morning. The robbers have not been found."

Mackay's Opera Co.

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—A new disease has broken out in various parts of the country and it is spreading rapidly. It has been diagnosed and is declared to be Klondikeitis. Amboy Journal.

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THE DE LOME INCIDENT

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Why Spain Should Have Made Haste to Apologize For De Lome's Insult—A Diplomatist Cites a Hypothetical Case—The Spanish Minister's Blunder Inexcusable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—[Special.]—The United States government has in its short life found it necessary to send home quite a number of foreign ministers whose conduct here was not satisfactory. Diplomats tell me that the United States has had a greater number of such cases than any other government, but they do not mean by this that the Americans are at fault. One source of trouble appears to have been that the nations of Europe for a long time had a fashion of sending to the United States their poorest diplomatic material. Another explanation is to be found in the fact that a good many of the diplomats who have been sent over here appear to have come with an idea that this was a free and easy and not over-scrupulous country, in which almost any sort of conduct would pass muster. Neither of these assumptions holds good at the present time. The average ability and character of the diplomats stationed here compare favorably with those of any other capital of the world, and surely there is no longer reason to doubt our punctiliousness and ability to take care of ourselves in a diplomatic way. Just as every nation is the judge of its own honor, so is every government entitled to determine whether or not the minister accredited to it by a foreign power is satisfactory. It is literally true that if an ambassador or minister wears clothes which the president or the secretary of state does not like, or has an unpleasant way of talking, or is addicted to habits which are distasteful, he may be sent home. This may be done, too, without giving any explanations. It is sufficient to notify the foreign government that the ambassador is persona non grata. But to send a diplomat home without giving any reason therefor is an extreme use of power and is not respectful to the government which sent him. Therefore explanations are nearly always given.

Subordination of the Individual.

The general policy of nations is to assume that their diplomatic representatives are mere individuals, of small importance compared with the preservation of amicable relations between governments. If a minister offend ever so slightly, let him go. Another man will be sent to take his place, and the nations continue their relations as if nothing had happened. But an ambassador or minister represents the nation which accredits him. He may give offense in the name of the nation or through him his own nation may be aggrieved. An injury to a diplomatic agent is for this reason hotly resented. He is for that occasion the nation itself. This shows why an offense committed by a diplomatic agent should be disavowed by his government, just as an injury done to him must be apologized for.

This was where the shoe pinched in the Dupuy De Lome case. President McKinley assumed from the outset, and rightly, that Spain should disavow any sympathy with the expressions contained in the famous letter. If those were not the sentiments of the Spanish people and the Spanish government, it would be easy to say so. That would end the whole matter. It was the long delay of Spain in expressing her regret for the De Lome letter that irritated officials of the administration here.

A Simple Case.

"This De Lome case is really a very simple one," said one gentleman who is versed in diplomatic precedent. "Let us suppose that you and I have had some negotiations about important matters, but our relations are wholly friendly and both of us desire to keep them so. One of my employees, a clerk perhaps, is sent to your house on an errand for me. While there he behaves badly. He insults you shamefully. Moreover, he informs you that in my dealings with him I have not been sincere, have not acted in good faith, have been trying to hoodwink and cheat you."

"Now, you are a gentleman and friendly with me. You send word to me that my man has acted badly and that you cannot do business with him any more. You might have kicked him off your premises, but as a mark of consideration for me you suggest that I call him home. He is my employee, not yours, and you think I should deal with him. Now, what is my duty? It is plain enough. I must call the man home. If he has acted outrageously to you, my friend and equal, I ought not to accept his resignation. I should dismiss and punish him. Nor is that all. As quickly as I can I should go to your house or send a note, apologizing for the conduct of my agent. Instead of approving his conduct, I severely condemn it, and I deeply and sincerely regret that you were subjected to annoyance by my ill-mannered employee. And as for his representations that I have not acted in good faith with you, I beg to assure you he is falsifying. I wish you to trust me and to continue your friendly relations with me and promise you that the future will demonstrate my sincerity in all dealings with you."

"There," concluded this diplomatist, "you have an accurate paraphrase of the De Lome incident. It was as much Spain's duty to apologize for her minister's conduct as it was mine in the hypothetical case which I have cited. And just as I, as a gentleman, ought not to wait for you to suggest to me that you expect a disavowal from me, so Spain ought not to have acted so slowly as to make it necessary for the United States to demand an apology."

A Common Offense.

It has been contended here that the offense committed by Dupuy De Lome was just such an offense as foreign ministers are guilty of every week and that his crime consisted of "being found out." But experienced diplomatists tell me this is not so. Although it is true that it is the duty of a foreign minister to keep his government informed as to the character of the officials with whom he has to deal, the skillful diplomatist never expresses offensive sentiments in plain language. He remembers that disrespect to the official head of the nation to which he is accredited is forbidden by the first of the ten diplomatic commandments, and if he has anything unpleasant to say of the president of the United States, for instance, he never mentions him by name or by too pointed reference, or if he does he uses his cipher code.

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Still a Mystery.
The cause of the terrible disaster in Havana harbor by which about two hundred and fifty of our brave seamen were sent to their death in a most horrible manner is still a profound mystery. The officers of the fated battleship Maine, all but two of whom were saved, are quite unanimous in the opinion that it was an accident, and as these are best and most reliable witnesses we can not well disregard their evidence, however much we may desire to lean to the side of sensation in such matters. In great excitement people seem to be somewhat deprived of their usual good judgment and jingoism runs wild. As THE TELEGRAPH stated heretofore, explosions on ships carrying ammunition are not of uncommon occurrence, and there are many theories to account for the destruction of the Maine aside from treachery.

She Married a Tramp.
After twenty years' tramp life George Somerville has married a woman worth \$20,000. His father, a New Jersey minister, educated him for the pulpit. The lad ran away at eighteen and tramped it until nearly forty. Last month he chanced to attend services at the local rescue mission. Among the workers that night was Mrs. Christina Olsen, a well-to-do widow. Somerville's scholarly face interested her and she gave him money and induced him to seek work in town. Their acquaintance ripened, with the result that Rev. W. L. Brown of the First Methodist church united them in marriage.—Galena Gazette.

'Twas Only a Cow.
Engineer Jack Liddle, of the St. Paul road, came very near having an attack of nervous prostration last night when he steamed into Freeport with his engine. He found the cow-catcher covered with blood and pieces of what looked like human flesh scattered over the front of the engine, and Jack thought he had killed a man, but a doctor who examined the flesh pronounced it a good quality of beef. The engine had collided with a cow at some point up the track.—Journal.

Lutheran Church.
The subject of Rev. Dornblaser's lecture at the Lutheran church this evening will be Martin Luther. It will be a young people's meeting and papers will be read by Miss Maud Bruner and Roy Raffensberger.

Mackay's Comic Opera.
Some of the handsomest costumes ever seen on any stage will be exhibited in the opera of "Said Pasha" by the Mackay Opera Co. Wednesday night next.

A public sale of horses, cattle, hogs, and farm machinery, the property of F. L. Martin, will be held by D. M. Fahrney on the Howard Martin farm in Gap Grove, on Monday, Feb. 20, commencing at noon. Our readers will find here an opportunity to get some valuable property at their own price.

—Yea, verily, girls are of few days and full of mischief, and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise. When the fair one cheweth gum with much haste, and stampeth her pretty foot with much vigor, then beware. She cometh forth in the evening with low neck and short sleeves, but in the morning she lieth in bed while her mother husteth. She enjoys all winter the devoted young man's oysters, and partaketh with glee of his sleighrides, but when the gentle spring time cometh she winketh the other eye and goeth with a new beau.

—The Amboy postoffice, since it has a new postmaster, was to have been removed to a new location, the McGraw building, a room clean, spacious and well lighted, and to have been supplied with an A. No. 1 new outfit of fixtures throughout, at an estimated expense of \$600 to the new incumbent; but certain opponents objected to the innovation, so Bro. Lyman, "respecting the wishes of the majority," secured a release from his contracts, saves his \$600 and the old order of things will remain undisturbed. It seems strange that the people of Amboy should have resisted the introduction of an internal improvement that would have cost them nothing.

—The Graphophone concert in the Baptist church last evening was but lightly attended, on account of the rain. Nearly a hundred persons, however, weathered the storm, and all of these expressed themselves abundantly gratified, and their expectations more than met, and many of them requested that the concert be repeated. It will be repeated next Monday evening at the same place at 8 o'clock, when it is hoped that a large audience will enjoy the little scientific wonder. Experimentally the concert of last evening was a complete success, the tones being perfectly distinct and audible in every part of the audience-room. The selections were judiciously made, affording an interesting variety and harmonious mingling of the grave and gay. There may be some additions to the program Monday evening.

GETTING YOUNG AGAIN.
Old Woman of Eighty-Seven Who is Regaining Her Youth.

Limestone county, Ala., has an interesting phenomenon in an aged matron who has fallen heir apparently to another period of youth. Mrs. Polly Emery, aged 87, of excellent family, has for thirty years been an old woman with white hair, wrinkled face and feeble health. Twenty-seven years ago a dentist brother extracted every tooth from her head. About a year ago her health commenced to improve. Her strength returned, her figure became more erect, her eyes brighter, her movements more elastic. Her hair began to turn dark and her gums began to swell. Today she has a fine head of black hair and has cut a complete set of teeth, has regained her erect carriage of fifty years ago, and looks like a woman thirty or forty years of age.

No Trouble Now.

When the people were sorely depressed under the hard times brought about by the Bryan, Wilson and Company low tariff law, and much alarm on account of shortages in treasure receipts, THE TELEGRAPH urged the assurance that all would be satisfactory with McKinley president and a protective tariff law in force. How well has this fact been illustrated. There is now no alarm about the gold reserve nor is there any sort of financial trouble. Six months of the operations of the Dingley law show that it is going to meet the expectations of its framers and supply sufficient revenue to cover the current expenses of the Government. There has been a steady growth in the receipts month by month until they have now reached such proportions as to make it apparent that the law will supply, under ordinary circumstances, a revenue equal to the amount necessary to meet the Government expenditures and furnish something of a surplus besides. The January customs receipts were more than 25 per cent. in excess of the customs receipts of last year, and were larger than the average monthly customs receipts during the entire history of the Wilson law. The internal revenue receipts in January exceeded those of any January since the McKinley law was taken from the statute books.

During the six months in which the new law has been in operation, it has shown a steady growth. The August receipts were \$19,000,000, those of September nearly \$22,000,000, October \$24,000,000, November \$25,000,000, December over \$27,000,000, and January nearly \$29,000,000. The growth in the custom receipts has been equally striking and equally gratifying. In August the custom receipts were, by reason of the enormous importance which had preceded the enactment of the new law, less than \$7,000,000, in September about \$8,000,000, in October over \$9,000,000, in November nearly \$10,000,000, in December nearly \$12,000,000, and in January over \$12,000,000, showing not only a steady growth but indicating the accuracy of the judgement of those who had insisted that there would be a constant increase in the earning of the new law when importation regained their normal conditions, after the absorption of the enormous inflow of foreign products prior to the enactment of the new law. Considering that over six months' supply of many of the most important revenue-producing articles had been brought into the country prior to the enactment of the new law, (under a free trade policy) it is quite remarkable that the customs receipts should in the six months of its operation be greater than the average monthly customs receipts under the law which preceded it, especially in view of the fact that that law is credited with many millions of dollars which should properly have belonged to the earnings of the Dingley law.

Report of King School

For the month beginning Jan. 15th and ending Feb. 14, 1898.
No. days taught.....21
No. pupils enrolled.....34
Avg. daily attendance.....27.64
Grand total number days' attendance.....581.5
Pupils not absent or tardy: Mary Burmeister, Millie Smith, Katie Delp, Amanda Delp, Claude and Howard Sweitzer, John Delp, John and Harrison Wadsworth.
Pupils absent but not tardy: Anna, Ida and Gertrude Grobe, Lettie Delp, Clara Smith, August Burmeister.
LIZZIE A. MANNION,
Teacher.
—The Illinois Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Springfield, Ills., on Feb. 22, 23d, 24th. Governor and Mrs. Tanner will give a reception the evening of the 22d, to the members and ladies. The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Tanner will be the first ever given in the executive mansion exclusively to the Press Association.

Literary Notices.

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.
Gen. James H. Wilson contributes a timely and carefully prepared paper on "America's Interests in China," to the February number of the North American Review. Being, as we are, General Wilson asserts China's nearest neighbor across the sea, and the only one of the great powers which has absolutely no plans hostile to the peace, integrity, and general welfare of the Chinese people, we cannot but look with deepest apprehension upon the events taking place in that quarter. We cannot afford to be mistaken as to plans of the other powers, nor to depend upon even the most benevolent of them for our proper share of the commerce now in existence, and which is sure to increase rapidly hereafter if China is permitted to work out her own salvation with her possessions intact and her autonomy unimpaired.

HARPER'S PERIODICALS.
It would be safe to say that for sweetness of expression and literary charm George du Maurier never wrote anything better than "Social Pictorial Satire," the concluding part which will appear in Harper's Magazine for March. He discusses Leech and Keene, the well known Punch artists, men whom he knew and loved; tells of the present scope and future possibilities of Pictorial Satire, and adds a few delightful paragraphs concerning his own work.

The series of seventeen articles on the States of the Middle West, which began in the number of Harper's Weekly dated Jan. 29, and will be continued regularly for several months, will make new friends for "The Nation's Journal." The articles have been prepared by Franklin Matthews, a newspaper man of long experience, who seems to have a special gift for securing reliable information, and judgment and honesty in the use he makes of it. That his record will be satisfactory reading to Westerners may be gathered from the title of the series, "Bright Skies in the West."

During February Harper's Bazar will begin a clever new department, in which the affairs of the day in New York and other cities will be lightly touched upon in bright and sparkling paragraphs. This department will be conducted by a lady whose name will not be given. Mrs. Sherwood, in her Types of American Women, will write concerning "The Little Miss." An admirably practical series, entitled "Woman's Voice in Speech," will begin in February.

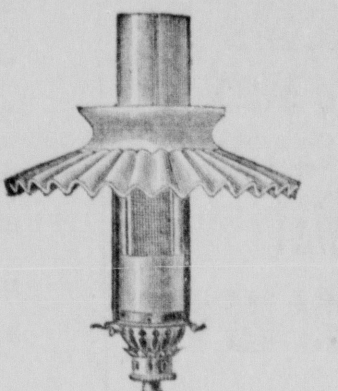
The story entitled "The Adventurers," by H. B. Marriott Watson, which is continued in the current number of Harper's Round Table, is sure to win for the periodical a large number of new readers. It has for its subject that most fascinating of all themes of adventure, the search for hidden treasure.

LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.
The old style of portraying famous people through a "sketch" or "biography" is to be modernized in The Ladies' Home Journal during 1898. Five of the most prominent Americans have been chosen for the departure. President McKinley, Mrs. Cleveland, Mark Twain, Joseph Jefferson, and Thomas A. Edison. Each will have a special article, which will consist of about fifteen or twenty fresh, unpublished stories and anecdotes strung together, each anecdote showing some characteristic trait or presenting a different side of the subject.

DEMOREST'S MAGAZINE.
Every mother in the land and every wide-awake mind in the educational world will read with interest a most comprehensive treatment of the important question of "Physical Training in Our Public Schools," in the February number of Demorests Magazine. The article goes to show that the physical culture work in our public schools has been organized by, and is almost exclusively under, the control of women directors. Eleven interesting illustrations are given of the directors, as well as of children practicing different exercises taught in the New York schools.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE.
The first election in Greater New York polled over 500,000 votes—exceeding the combined vote of eleven States for President in 1896. The result was known approximately by nine o'clock on the evening of election day. The "quiet election, honest count and quick returns" were achieved under the direction of the Police Board of the then City of New York. How this great machine was set in motion and how it worked are described in Scribners Magazine for February by Police Commissioner Avery D. Andrews, in an article entitled "The Police Control of a Great Election." This is the first popular account of the machinery of an election, and the narrative is full of surprising facts. A corps of artists made in various parts of the city a very interesting series of sketches, here reproduced.

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Thy forest coolness here
Through the dark city street.
Blow o'er the crowded roofs
From wall to wall,
Through favored alleys swift
In boundless blessing fall.
Where weary mothers wait
Blow thy fresh breath,
Where men have lain their down
Weoful in love with death.
Bring country pleasantness
Across their dreams,
Shade of great tossing boughs
And thought of flowing streams.
Bring wafts of fragrance, too,
From far blown flowers.
Pour balm, pour rest, pour life
Through these despairing hours
And let some little child
Wake as you sing
And feel your silken touch
A stooping angel's wing.
—Harper's Bazar.

LAW OF THE SEA.
BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.
All writers of sea stories devote chap-
ters to what is called "the sentiment
of the sea," and all readers of the same
feel their pulses thrill as they read of
heroic rescues. This "sentiment" may
have been observable 50 years ago, and
now and then you read of a rescue
worthy of heroes, but as a matter of
fact shipowners and sea captains are
anything but sentimental in these days
of money making. Of ten ships who
sight a signal of distress at sea eight
will sneak past it if possible, and the
other two will be more interested in
the salvage question than in the saving
of life. Shippers want their goods ship-
ped as soon as possible. Shipowners
overload and underman their vessels
and yet want them to make quick voy-
ages. Sea captains must "crack on"
and do their best, and so it comes about
that aid is seldom extended when there
is reasonable excuse for dodging it.
In the year 1880 the brig Welcome
left the port of Liverpool for the West
Indies, having on board 180 men, women
and children, who were going to settle
on one of the islands. She had a
crew of 15 men, a supercargo and two
cabin passengers, thus bringing the to-
tal up to almost 200. Fine weather ac-
companied the craft until she had ac-
complished two-thirds of the voyage.
Then a gale sprang up which dismasted
her and sent her drifting back over her
wake. The gale had scarcely abated
when a fire broke out, and though it
was extinguished after a hard fight a
great quantity of provisions was con-
sumed and much of the fresh water was
sacrificed. Not a spar was left aboard
for jury masts, and as the rudder had
been carried away and there was four
feet of water in the hold the people
realized that the wreck could not be
abandoned too soon.
Soon after we of the ship Evening Star
sighted the wreck. We were sailing un-
der the Holland flag, commanded by a
Holland captain and mate, and I believe
the craft was of that nationality. She
was bound from Demerara to New
York, loaded mostly with sugar, I be-
lieve, and had been detained in Demer-
ara a couple of weeks to ship a crew.
It so happened that an American man-
of-war to which I belonged as an en-
listed man put into that port for some
slight repairs, and 12 of us deserted in
a body to go aboard of the Star. We
were all sailors. It does not excuse our
action to say that the Hollanders brought
this desertion about by the promise of
high wages. He wanted a crew and did
not care how the men came to him. We
had a close shave from being captured
by our captain, but got to sea all
right, and as the weather was good and
the wind favorable the Hollanders
"cracked on" to make up for lost time.
One morning just after sunrise we
found the drifting brig square in our
path and only two or three miles away.
After a brief look at her through the
glass captain and mate fell to cursing
at their ill luck. As a matter of fact we
had neither water nor provisions to
spare, and the ship was loaded down to
the mark with cargo, but when we
heard our officers propose to pass the
wreck without notice every man of the
ten was ready for mutiny.
We demanded that communication be
opened with the unfortunate people,
and after a good deal of growling the
Star ran down to them and sent a boat
aboard. The report of the mate when
he returned was to the effect that the
people were on quarter allowance, with
much sickness among the women and
children, and that they desired to aban-
don the wreck and be taken aboard of
the ship. We had spare spars aboard,
and the Hollanders offered to sell three
or four sticks for about three times their
value, the payment to be made in gold
on delivery. The captain of the brig
declined buying, as he was satisfied
that the shattered hulk could never be
worked into port, even if fully pro-
visioned. The Hollanders then agreed to
sell one cask of water and about 30
pounds of bread, but just as we were
ready to transfer the goods a squall
came up, and that gave him an excuse
for sailing away. His firm intention
was to abandon the wreck to her fate,
and as soon as we realized it he ten of
us went aft in a body and assured him
that unless he bore up and furnished
relief we should refuse duty and take
the consequences. He blustered and
threatened and brought out his pistols,
but we were firm, and at length he
gave orders to put the ship about.
We had to beat up to the wreck, and
by the time we reached her there was
half a gale blowing and the sea was so
heavy that we could not transfer the
provisions. At the end of an hour the
Hollanders was for making sail again,
but we refused to touch a rope. He and
his mate, both armed with belaying
pins, sought to drive us aloft, but we
dismasted them and locked them in their
staterooms. Among us was a man who
had made several voyages as mate and

was competent to handle a ship, and he
was installed as captain and given an
able seaman as mate. We had hoped to
get the provisions to the wreck before
night, but the gale continued, and we
had to stand by her for 30 hours before
it was safe to launch a boat. We had
mutinied and taken possession of the
ship, but we felt that circumstances jus-
tified it. Neither harm nor insult was
offered our officers. After a few hours
they were allowed full liberty, and not
one of us entered the cabin. There were
many threats as to the punishment we
should receive when the ship arrived in
port, but we stood firm and kept clear
of any further quarrels.
When wind and sea finally subsided,
we boarded the wreck, to find that one
woman and four children had died in
the last 24 hours and that the living
were entirely out of food and water.
There was no doctor aboard, the leak
was hardly to be kept under, and it was
plain that another 24 hours would send
the wreck to the bottom of the sea. It
was therefore resolved to transfer every-
body to the ship. Our captain and mate
raved like madmen when they heard of
this decision, and the last named be-
came so violent that we had to bind
him hand and foot. The wreck had lost
all her boats, but the ship had three,
and when the work of transferring be-
gan it was not interrupted until every
person had been brought safely off.
Then we secured most of the personal
baggage of crew and passengers, and by
the time the last boatload was along-
side the Star the wreck rolled heavily
to starboard and port and went to the
bottom of the sea.
The ship had no accommodation
whatever for passengers, and you can
imagine the muss we were in when
that crowd of people were taken aboard.
The Hollanders flatly refused to act as
captain or to have anything to do with
the castaways. He said we had deposed
him by mutiny and must now run
things to suit ourselves and take the
consequences. Everybody had to be put
on quarter allowance at once, and a
shift was made up whereby the women
and children were at least sheltered.
After consultation it was decided to
make for the Bermudas, and on the third
day after taking the people off the
wreck we sighted the American ship
Ocean Queen and secured from her sev-
eral hundred gallons of water and a
quantity of flour and biscuit. It was a
run of seven days to the islands, and
during the last four days no adult had
food enough to keep down the pangs of
hunger. The mate proved so obstinate
and dangerous that his bonds were not
released, but he shared the food and
water with the rest and was treated as
kindly as circumstances would permit.
None of us believed that we could be
punished for taking the ship out of the
captain's hands to save human life, and
I am sure we should not have been med-
dled with but for the presence of a British
man-of-war in port. We had in-
formed the Hollanders of our readiness
to work the ship to her port of destina-
tion, and he seemed to think favorably
of the matter, but no sooner did he
learn of the presence of the man-of-war
than he appealed to her commander.
As a result the ten of us were at once
arrested and flung into prison to await
the action of the law. I never found
out just where they intended to send us
for trial, but presume it was Holland.
For some reason or other there was a
long delay, and at length matters were
complicated by our being claimed as
deserters from an American man-of-war.
The people whom we had saved
were grateful enough, God knows, but
all others looked upon us as a lot of
pirates who ought to have been hung as
soon as captured.
When we had been in jail for five
months, we got word from an American
who was pretty thoroughly posted on
the case that we should soon be sent
away for trial and that we might ex-
pect at least five years' imprisonment
apiece. This news decided us to make
an attempt to break jail, and one night,
a week later, using tools which a guard
had been bribed to pass in to us, we
sawed away the bars of a window and
gained our liberty. Proceeding to the
harbor, we found an American schooner
ready to sail and awaiting our com-
ing, and before our escape was discover-
ed we were miles at sea. Five of us sur-
rendered to the naval authorities and
took our punishment and served out the
remainder of our enlistment, but what
became of the others I do not know.
But for our action 200 people would
have been left to go down with a wreck
on which they had drifted and suffered
for days and weeks, and yet that action
was rank mutiny, and had the ship been
English instead of Dutch our two lead-
ers would probably have been hung and
the rest of us got long terms in prison.

Compressed Flour.
The British admiralty and the war
department are testing, under various
climatic conditions, the new method for
preserving flour. One objection to the
establishment of national granaries has
been the difficulty of storing grain for
any length of time. The grain germin-
ates and is ruined, and to keep large
quantities in sound condition has been
pronounced impracticable. Experiments
are being made with a system of com-
pression into bricks by hydraulic pres-
sure. The trials show that the flour so
treated is not affected by damp, even
under unfavorable conditions, and is
free from mold. The compression de-
stroys all forms of larval life and the
flour is thus rendered safe from the at-
tacks of the insects. The saving in stor-
age is enormous, as the cubic space oc-
cupied by 100 pounds of loose flour will
hold more than 300 pounds of the com-
pressed article.—Scientific American.
High Flown.
Mrs. Minnie E. Leo says: "In a Par-
is cafe I asked the maid whether she
did not think the name on the menu,
'demi tasse cafe au lait frappe a la
glace,' was very inflated for such a
small cup of cold coffee and milk.
'Yes, madame,' she replied, 'it occupies
the mind as well as the stomach.'"

LITTLE SISTER.
Little sister's prim and sly,
With a keen and knowing eye,
With a bright and roguish glance,
Sharper than a soldier's lance.
At that glance my faint heart goes
Down and hobbles with my toes.
Can she know the boon I seek—
Why I call three times a week?
How she watches all my moves—
Ah, I hope she quite approves!
And she treats me to such airs,
While my darling is up stairs.
She's discovered why I call!
Little sister knows it all!
—Harry Romaine in Ladies' Home Journal.

SHE THOUGHT IT STRANGE.
Naggley Went Out For His Little Walk
Anyway.
Naggley threw down the evening pa-
per he had been reading, yawned and
stretched and said he guessed he'd go
out for a little while, whereupon Mrs.
Naggley said:
"Where are you going?"
"Oh, no place in particular."
"No, I s'pose not. It's anything or
any place to get away from home with
you. It's mighty strange that you can't
content yourself for any length of time
in your own home—mighty strange. I
was reading this from Goethe today,
'He is happiest, be he king or peasant,
who finds peace in his home.' I said to
myself when I read it, 'I wish to be
the Lord Joe Naggley felt more like that.'"
"Mrs. Goethe must have been a hap-
py woman to have a husband who could
say that. I'll bet a dime she did not
have to sit alone evening after evening
while Mr. Goethe ripped and paced
around anywhere and everywhere, just
so he needn't have to be at home with
the wife he'd promised to love and hon-
or and cherish, and who had done all
she could to make home pleasant for
him, and I'll bet Mr. Goethe didn't be-
long to three or four lodges and clubs
that ought to be wiped out of existence,
so the members of them would stay at
home with their wives, where they be-
long."
"It's mighty strange that a man can
talk so sweet and nice about a home of
his own when he's trying to delude
some girl into marrying him, and then
when he gets her and a home he wants
to be on the gad all the time. I say it's
mighty strange."
"How many times before we were
married did you make me sing 'Home,
Sweet Home,' for you, and now if I try
to sing it you look as if you'd taken a
dose of ipecac. And look at that motto,
'There's no place like home,' that you
made me work before we were married
so as to have it all ready for our own
home. It doesn't appeal to you any more
than it appeals to that lamp-post out
there across the street. I'd like to know
why."
"The land knows I do all I can to
make home peaceful and pleasant for
you. You couldn't scrape up a table-
spoonful of dirt in this whole house,
and I'll put my cooking against that of
any other woman I know of—yes, I'd
put it against Mrs. Goethe's even."
"I'll bet that her husband appreciated
her a good deal more than you appreciate
me, and I'll bet her home wasn't a
bit cleaner than mine, nor her—What's
that? What did you say about her
tongue? I pity the poor woman if she
didn't have a tongue."
"There never was a married woman
yet who didn't need all the tongue the
Lord gave her, and I don't know what
I'd do if it wasn't for my tongue, and—
Oh, yes; rush off as usual right when
your wife is speaking! It shows just
how much you respect her. It's mighty
strange how soon men change after they
are married—mighty strange!"—St.
Louis Post-Dispatch.

Shaving a Pursued Bandit.
"I shaved Jesse James, the once
noted outlaw, down in southern Ken-
tucky a long time ago," said an old
gray haired fellow on the train the other
day. "When the man's life wasn't
worth a penny, Jesse rushed into my
little country place, down in the Red
river country, one day in the latter part
of December and asked me if I wouldn't
shave him while he looked after his
col's revolvers and watched the door.
I was not a barber by trade, but those
persuaders Jesse had induced me to try
my hand with a new Wade & Butcher
razor I took out of my showcase. As I
shaved, the man of iron nerve sat with
a cocked pistol in each hand and told
me in a few hurried words that a posse
was pursuing him, bent on capturing
him, dead or alive, on the charge of
robbing a bank at Russellville, a crime,
he averred, of which he was not guilty.
He wanted his beard shaved off that he
might fool his pursuers if they should
happen to catch up with him. I finished
the job of scraping. The much wanted
individual thanked me, and mounting
a horse, which had been hitched in the
rear of my store, bade me good evening
and rode away. I didn't know for cer-
tain who my visitor was, although I
suspected it, until the next day, when
I heard that a man in the neighborhood
was telling that he had seen the elder
James the afternoon before. I suppose
that was the last shave Jesse James got
in Kentucky, and I have never seen him
after that day."—Louisville Post.

Duty.
To do the duty nearest, simple and
natural as it may seem, is really the
most difficult thing in life. To see it
even is difficult. I do not know what it
is in man that always makes him ena-
mored of the distant thing. It is always
tomorrow and tomorrow. Today we
will dream and plan and postpone; to-
morrow we will act, and so life gets to
be a snarl of neglected yesterdays, a de-
ceiving show of promised tomorrows,
nothing really accomplished.—J. F. W.
Ware.
During the reign of Elizabeth English
dudes wore shoes three feet long, the
toe pointed and fastened up to the garter
with golden chains, to which little bells
were attached.
In the southern provinces of Russia a
drink resembling brandy is obtained by
distilling the juice of the watermelon.

BLUE LAWS.
Some of the Peculiar Enactments That
Obtained in Old Virginia.
Those who fancy that strict laws
were peculiar to New England in col-
onial days should read some of the enact-
ments of the Virginia assembly.
"It was enacted," writes Professor
John Fiske in "Old Virginia and Her
Neighbors," that any person found
drunk was for the first offense to be pri-
vately reproved by the minister; the
second time this reproof was to be pub-
licly administered; the third time the
offender must be put in irons for 12
hours and pay a fine; for any subsequent
offenses he must be severely punished at
the discretion of the governor and coun-
cil.
"To guard the community against ex-
cessive vanity in dress it was enacted
that for all public contributions every
unmarried man must be assessed in
church 'according to his own apparel,'
and every married man must be assess-
ed 'according to his own and his wife's
apparel.'"
"Not merely extravagance in dress,
but such social misdemeanors as flirting,
received due legislative condemnation.
Pretty maids were known to encourage
hopes in more than one suitor, and gay
deceivers of the sterner sex would some-
times seek to win the affections of two
or more women at the same time.
Wherefore it was enacted that 'every
minister should give notice in his
church that what man or woman soever
should use any word or speech tending
to a contract of marriage to two several
persons at one time as might entangle or
breed scruples in their consciences,
should for such their offense, either un-
dergo corporal correction (by whipping)
or be punished by fine or otherwise, ac-
cording to the quality of the person so
offending.'"
Men were held to more strict account-
ability for the spoken or written word
than in these shameless modern days.
One of the most prominent settlers we
find presenting a petition to the assem-
bly to grant him due satisfaction against
a neighbor who has addressed to him a
letter "wherein he taxeth him both un-
seemly and amiss of certain things
wherein he was never faulty." Speak-
ing against the governor or any member
of the council was liable to be punished
with the pillory. It was also imprudent
to speak too freely about clergymen,
who were held in great reverence. No
planter could dispose of so much as a
pound of tobacco until he had laid aside
a certain specified quantity as his assess-
ment toward the minister's salary,
which was thus assured even in the
worst times, so far as legislation could
go.

SPLIT HER LUNCH.
Sorry Accident to a Stylish Young Woman
in a Train.
The passengers on an early morning
train connecting with this city were
treated to a thoroughly enjoyable scene
the other morning. At one of the small
stations a young lady boarded the train.
She was dressed rather stylishly, but
a veil covered a rather plain face. She
switched down the aisle like a queen.
She barely deigned to glance at the
other passengers in the car, and when
she did her nose rose perceptibly at the
tip in a manner that spread the impres-
sion of contempt.
She carried a Boston bag and the air
of a millionaire. There was but one seat
vacant. This was beside a good looking,
nicely dressed young man who was read-
ing a paper.
When she came to this seat, she flopped
down heavily and tossed her bag to
the seat between herself and the young
man. Two seconds later the young man
leaped from his seat, and a string of
earnest words of doubtful origin fell
from his lips like vipers from the lips of
the young woman in the fable.
The startled passengers looked to see
what had caused this outburst. They
saw, and then they laughed. The nice
looking Boston bag contained an ordi-
nary, everyday working girl's lunch.
One of its features was a jar of coffee,
which had broken in the descent and
flowed freely over the young man's new
fall coat and trousers.
He went into the smoking car, swear-
ing profusely. She murmured a weak
apology and spent her time in mopping
up the seat.—Brockton Enterprise.

His Wife Won.
A Georgia man, who was unpopular
in his community, insured his life for
\$2,000. He took the policy home to his
wife and said:
"Maria, here's a life insurance docu-
ment for \$2,000."
"Thank you, dear," said his wife.
"How are you feeling today?"
"Not well," he replied, "and I don't
think I am long for this world, and I
want to say to you that when I die it is
my wish that you devote \$1,000 of the
money to defraying my funeral ex-
penses."
"Mercy on me," exclaimed the wife,
"why do you want such an expensive
funeral?"
"I'll explain. I'm perfectly satisfied
that nobody will attend my funeral,
and I want to hire people to go at so
much a head. I'm going out today and
see what arrangements I can make for
attendants on that forthcoming melan-
choly occasion. If they won't come
gratis, why—I'll just hire 'em an give
'em an order on you for the money."
He went forth and at nightfall re-
turned with a dejected look.
"Maria," he said, "it's no use. You
can have the whole \$2,000. Just go to
my funeral yourself."—Atlanta Consti-
tution.

In His Line.
Miles—I see your friend Hawkins has
another "selling out at cost" sign
tacked up on the front of his store.
Giles—Yes. Do you know, I think
Hawkins missed his vocation. He should
have been a political campaign manager.
Miles—Why so?
Giles—He is continually nailing lies.
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HOWELL ON WHIST.

Many Uncertainties Apparent In the Duplicate Game.

XII.

A topic that is just now engrossing the attention of many duplicate whist players is that of scoring. It is a very difficult topic, because the disputes connected with it can never be quite settled. The score at duplicate whist is frequently a more or less uncertain quantity. Between two teams only, be they pairs or fours or more on a side, of course the question is merely, Which gets the greater number of tricks? In this case both parties play precisely the same cards under similar conditions, and the comparison is therefore easy. But suppose there are three or more teams engaged in a game, so that all cannot have the same hands, then what do we mean by the "score"? To simplify the discussion so far as possible I shall refer only to the "progressive" or "multitable" game for pairs. What is the "score" at this game?

I think that whist players have falsely assumed the averaging method of scoring to be the only fair and logical one. It was introduced by Mitchell, the inventor of the "compass" game, in which half the pairs play constantly North and South and half East and West. All the tricks taken North and South are divided by the number of pairs in that direction; the quotient is called the North and South "average," and the "score" of each North and South pair is computed by comparing its aggregate of tricks won with the "average." In this way a pair receives a "plus" score if it wins more than the average number of tricks and a "minus" score if less. The East and West scores are handled in exactly the same manner, independently of the North and South.

Now, I do not doubt for a moment that Mitchell's averaging system is reasonably fair, and on account of its simplicity is perhaps the best for his progressive game. But just because it seems to work all right, people ought not to assume that it is the ideal method of scoring. As a matter of fact, it is open to the grave objection that it allows a pair to suffer by the errors or to share in the profits of pairs at different tables, or, in brief, to be affected by play over which it has no control. This is the "luck" of duplicate whist for pairs, and it cannot be eliminated from the game, so far as I know. If somebody will explain how it can be, he will perform a most valuable service to whist. The fault is certainly fatal to the pretensions of the averaging system to be the ideal method of scoring.

There is, however, in this system a flaw that has not received much attention from whist mathematicians. An example will show what I mean. Suppose the North and South average is 184 tricks, and the East and West average is 128, and that the top North and South pair takes 194, while the top East and West pair takes 138. Then each of these top pairs scores ten tricks "plus," and both have the same standing. This result I believe to be distinctly inequitable. The East and West hands are much weaker than the others, and the feat of beating the average ten tricks with weak hands is a proposition quite different from doing the same thing with strong ones. To equalize matters, some method of percentages ought to be used. I am not prepared to say just what method, but a simple one would be to take the ratio of the pair score to the average. By this plan our top North and South pair would be credited with 1.054 "per cent," the quotient of 194 divided by 184. The East and West top would be 138 divided by 128, or 1.078 "per cent." Thus a distinction ought to be made, as it certainly ought to be, between equal "pluses" with unequal hands.

I have had the fortune—good or bad according to the way you look at it—to invent several methods of play at duplicate whist, the most important of which is a system for pairs by which every pair meets every other pair. The averaging method of scoring being not easily adaptable to this game, I have recommended the simpler plan of comparing each deal score with the maximum actually made instead of the average. By this method the "score" of each pair is a lot of "losses," as compared with "maximums." The pair with the smallest loss is the winner. By averaging the losses a "plus" or "minus" score may be computed for each pair. This score is seldom precisely the same as that reckoned by Mitchell's plan, but it fairly represents, I believe, the relative standing of the pairs engaged. Still, it has been criticised, mainly on the ground of "luck." Really it contains no more "luck" than the averaging method. It only seems to, because by the averaging method the details of the score are lost sight of in the bunching process at the end of the game, whereas by the maximum method the "fall downs" on every deal are clearly exhibited. I know there are flaws in the maximum method, but claim they are no greater than the flaws in any other method. Some clubs are trying to apply the averaging process to my game for pairs, but with little success. It is a clumsy process as compared with the method of maximums, and it yields results not a bit more satisfactory.

The real trouble is that whist players think the scoring of pairs may be reduced to an exact science without any luck in it. They are mistaken. They must take their chances and not complain because they get "soaked" occasionally by other people's blunders.

I have played under the maximum system constantly for about three years and I am not a "lucky" player, but I may candidly say that I do not recollect a single instance of failing to make a good score when I played good whist or of coming out far from the bottom when my whist was bad. It may be that the contrast between good whist and bad, between strong players and weak, is greater under the maximum method than under the averaging method of scoring. But is this unfair?

My excuse for writing this article is not that of personal defense. It is the pointing out of the fact that the element of luck at duplicate whist is still considerable, though much less than at old fashioned "straight." As my friend Fisher Ames is fond of declaring, the chance element at duplicate whist, combined with its opportunities for the display of pure skill, is one reason for its great popularity. If there were no chance in it, the best players would always win, and the weaker ones would soon lose their interest. You cannot satisfactorily handicap whist players. It is a good thing for the game that its chance element is handicap enough—that is, it tends toward the equalization rather than the further separation of players of different degrees of skill. This step is in the right direction. Influential experts will not benefit the game by attempting to eliminate its luck altogether, so as to give the "duffers" no longer a "show."

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With all my puny might,
But now I know if I but wait
It all will come out right.

Though vice may don the judge's crown
And play the censor's part,
And fact be cowed by falsehood's frown,
And nature ruled by art,
Though labor toils through blinding tears,
And idle wealth is might,
I know the honest, earnest years
Will bring it all out right.

Though poor and loveless creeds may pass
For pure religion's gold,
Though ignorance may rule the man,
While truth meets glances cold,
I know a law supreme, sublime,
Controls us with its might,
And in God's own appointed time
It all will come out right.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

BEFORE THE RAILROADS.

When Philadelphia Was the Greatest City In the American Colonies.

In 1774 Philadelphia was the largest town in the American colonies. Estimates of the population, which are all we have, differ widely, but it was probably not far from 30,000. A single city now has a larger population than all the colonies possessed in 1774, and there are in the United States today 104 cities and towns of over 30,000 inhabitants. Figures alone, however, cannot express the difference between those days and our own. Now a town of 30,000 people is reached by railroads and telegraphs. It is in close touch with all the rest of the world. Business brings strangers to it constantly, who come like shadows and so depart, unnoticed, except by those with whom they are immediately concerned. It was not so in 1774, not even in Philadelphia, which was as nearly as possible the central point of the colonies as well as the most populous city.

Thanks to the energy and genius of Franklin, Philadelphia was paved, lighted and ordered in a way almost unknown in any other town of that period. It was well built and thriving. Business was active, and the people were thrifty and prosperous and lived well. Yet, despite all these good qualities, we must make an effort of the imagination to realize how quietly and slowly life moved then in comparison to the pace of today.

There in Philadelphia was the center of the postal system of the continent, and the recently established mail coach called the "Flying Machine," not in jest but in praise, performed the journey to New York in the hitherto unequalled time of two days. Another mail at longer intervals crept more slowly to the south. Vessels of the coastwise traffic or from beyond seas came into port at uncertain times and after long and still more uncertain voyages. The daily round of life was so regular and so quiet that any incident or any novelty drew interest and attention in a way which would now be impossible.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in Scribner's.

Women on Municipal Boards.

Mayor Malster of Baltimore is so appreciative of the aid already rendered by women in the management of public institutions of which women are inmates that it is altogether probable several new women members will soon be added to the municipal boards. Of the three women who are serving with much acceptance Mrs. E. A. Robinson is a member of the jail board, and Miss Kate McLane and Dr. Mary Sherwood are trustees of the poor. Dr. Sherwood, who is a specially brilliant woman, is a native of Ballston Spa, N. Y., and a former Vassar professor.

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Sun.	28	40	30	48	26	—
Mon.	26	32	34	34	24	.16
Tues.	25	30	18	34	18	.02
Wed.	10	28	27	28	7	.19
Thurs.	34	44	35	45	27	.17
Fri.	32	30	—	—	—	.03
Sat.	—	—	—	—	—	—

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—Att'y. C. H. Wooster is up from Amboy.

—E. J. Countryman is in Chicago on business.

—Charles Rystrom of Rockford is at Hotel Bishop.

—Civil Engineer W. B. Ewing is out from Chicago.

—W. H. Sears of Rockford is at the Nachusa House.

—W. A. Brown is here from Jacksonville, this state.

—Mrs. J. S. Green of Morrison visited here yesterday.

—C. B. Hampton is expected out from Chicago this evening.

—Al. Crawford is down from Franklin Grove again today.

—Advertisements changed this evening: G. O. Wendel, Lew. E. Edwards.

—Mrs. F. J. Bishop, of the hotel, is entertaining her brother, A. H. Adams of Nashua, Ogle county.

—The Knights of the Globe will give a banquet party at Assembly Hotel on the evening of February 28th.

—Prof. Clare Wetzel of the penmanship department of the Sterling schools is here today on a tour of inspection.

—A switch engine on the C. & N. W. turntable at our depot got off the track last night and it took the employees several hours to get it back again.

—To get your name officially on the ticket to be voted at the city election you will have to file your nomination papers with the city clerk before he closes his office tomorrow evening.

—Miss Zemira Young, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Craney and daughter of Kenosha, Wisconsin, returned home last evening, and will spend a few weeks at Assembly Park Hotel.

—The brother of our Horace and Elmer Reynolds who has come here from the east to reside does not claim the title of Reverend as was prefixed to his name in last evening's TELEGRAPH.

—Alvin Derr and bride of Brooklyn spent yesterday here the guests of his brother, Jno. D. Derr and family of First street. Mr. Derr and wife are on a wedding tour and will visit relatives at DeWitt, Iowa.

—The story comes from Grand Detour that an ice gorge has formed below the lower ferry that is all the way from ten to fifty feet high, according to the taste of the teller. The water is backed up over the low land.

—E. W. Davison has an announcement folded into tonight's paper, stating that at the small Baker building 106 Galena avenue he is handling the celebrated Freeport bread and all the outputs of the Billerbeck bakery.

—Miss Pettit, from Rock Island, is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Crabtree. Miss Pettit is a sister of the celebrated young artist H. H. Pettit, whose full page drawings in Leslie's and Harper's Weeklies are so thoroughly enjoyed.

—Instead of paying a bounty for the destruction of the English sparrow, the French government through the forestry department will take steps to promote their increase, as the harm it is said they do is far more than offset by their usefulness in destroying injurious insects.

—Miss Woodmansee, while visiting here, sold to Mrs. A. Andersen a fifty-foot lot on Dement avenue in block 25, first north of the C. E. Chandler residence, through the agency of Loveland & Stiteley; consideration \$900. Mrs. Andersen will in the summer or fall have erected there a handsome residence.

—The program of the forty-eighth annual meeting of the Illinois State Medical Society, to be held in Galesburg, May 17, 18 and 19, 1898, is already at hand. In the list of the first day's proceedings we see the name of Dr. C. C. Hunt of Dixon for an address on "Chelidonium Majus in Inoperable Carcinoma."

—James Anderson, an early settler of Whiteside county, died at his home in Sterling yesterday morning, after a protracted illness. He was born in Scotland in 1817 and came to this country in 1851, settling first near Buffalo Grove, Ogle county. Six years later he moved to Whiteside, purchasing farm property in several localities. Since 1890 he had retired from farming and taken up his residence in Sterling. He leaves an aged wife, but no children.

—The American Press Association is very reliable in furnishing news but its despatch last evening that a diver had found a torpedo hole in the hull of the Maine indicated too much excitement. The report was contradicted, it is true, but it should not have been sent. When a careful examination of the battleship's hull is made will be time enough to decide whether or not a torpedo caused the explosion. However that "Ugly Hole" despatch was sent by the associated press and published in all the papers; still it was hasty news.

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On account of the Mardi Gras, at New Orleans and Mobile, the North-Western Line will, February 14 to 20, inclusive, sell excursion tickets at very low rates, limited for return passage until March 10th. Excursion tickets are also on sale daily, at reduced rates, to the principal winter resorts in the United States and Mexico. For full information apply to Ticket Agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

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I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the Township of Dixon. Subject to the Republican Caucus. Respectfully Yours, CHRISTOPHER J. JOYNT.

WM. H. GRAY would respectfully announce to his friends in Lee County that he will be a candidate for County Treasurer at the coming election, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lee County, subject to the action of the coming Republican County Convention, and respectfully solicit the support of the people throughout the County. THOS. S. CLOUGH.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Lee County, subject to the action of the coming Republican County Convention, and will appreciate the support of my friends. M. J. MCGOWAN. d&w

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I HEREBY announce that I am a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Lee County, subject to the action of the coming Republican County Convention, and will appreciate the support of my friends. JOHN E. MOYER.

MARK D. SMITH, would respectfully announce to the voters of Lee County that he will be a candidate for Sheriff at the coming election, subject to the action of the Republican County Convention, and will be thankful for the support of his friends. d&w

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Assessor for the Township of Dixon, subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. I shall be thankful for the support of my friends, JOHN E. MOYER.

MAHLON M. YOUNG desires to announce himself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector for the Township of Dixon, at the coming spring election, subject to the Republican caucus, and would be thankful for the support of his friends.

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